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FLORICULTURE CROPS - 2021

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) has released 2021 floriculture estimates. NASS expanded the program to cover all 50 states and more than 30 new crops. Due to the large number of estimates being issued, the data will be released in the NASS Quick Stats database (http://quickstats.nass.usda.gov).

To provide data users with a quick overview of the information, a two-page Highlights document has been posted to the NASS website at https://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/Highlights/2022/Floriculture_Highlights_07.pdf.

Some United States highlights are:

- The number of floriculture producers totaled 9,558 in 2021. For the combined 17 states included in the program last year, the number of producers increased 8%.
- The total value of sales across all floriculture crops totaled \$6.43 billion. For the combined 17 states included in the program in 2020, the value increased 6%.
- Sales of Annual Bedding/Garden Plants represented the largest total among all plant categories in 2021.
- Of the 10 largest states, Florida had the highest sales, followed by California. Combined, these two states accounted for nearly one-third of all sales in the United States.
- The top six states each had more than 500 floriculture operations in 2021. Nearly 40% of all operations were in these states.
- The number of operations with hired workers totaled 6,759 in 2021. For the combined 17 states included in the program in 2020, the total increased 7%.
- The average peak number of workers per operation was 16.9 nationally in 2021. For the 17 states included in the program in 2020, the average number declined from 18.8 to 18.5 per operation.

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